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Annual Report
OF THE
Town of Strafford
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
January 31, 1926

**Annual Reports of the
Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Strafford**

For the Year Ending January 31, 1926



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Town Officers

Selectmen

Earle R. Tufts

Henry C. Soule

Lewis J. Brown

Treasurer

Chester R. Brown

Town Clerk

Frank W. Hilton

Auditors

Roscoe E. Foss

George L. Foss

Tax Collector

Arthur R. Caverly

Moderator

Dana R. Berry

Supervisors

Ellsworth H. Berry

Arthur R. Caverly

Elmer A. Scribner

School Board

M. Corinne Tufts

Victor L. Caverly

Albert E. Foss

School Treasurer

Emma L. P. Foss

Trustees of Trust Funds

Albert E. Foss

Fred A. Scruton

Charles F. Hill

Health Officers

Walter H. Babb

Hurbert E. Tasker

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford, in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town House in said Town on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March next, at Nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.
3. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$3,400.00 for Class 5 Highways.
4. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$2,600.00 for snow removal and other Town highways.
5. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid on highways as per articles to be read at Town Meeting.
6. To see what sum the Town will raise for Town Debt.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$400 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for Memorial Day.
9. To see if the Town will take any action on Old Home Day.

10. To see if the Town will vote to contract the building of the State Road.

To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

EARLE R. TUFTS,
HENRY C. SOULE,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
Selectmen of Strafford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

EARLE R. TUFTS,
HENRY C. SOULE,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
Selectmen of Strafford.

Budget of the Town of Strafford

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year, February 1, 1926, to February 1, 1927,
Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of
the Previous Year, February 1, 1925, to February 1,
1926.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Act. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1925	Est. Rev. Ens'g. Yr. 1926	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Savings bank tax,	\$1,345 94	\$1,345 94		
For fighting forest fires,	17 30	25 00	\$7 70	
For Highways:				
(a) For State aid main- tenance,	1,081 52	900 00		\$181 52
(b) For Trunk line main- nance,	1,249 37	1,500 00	250 63	
Interest and dividend tax,	7 70	7 70		
Trunk line unimproved,	599 61	499 69		99 92
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All licenses and permits except dog licenses,	1,061 98	900 00		161 98
Rent of town hall and other buildings,	28 00	28 00		
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	25 95	40 00	14 05	
Highways, sewers, etc.,	20 85			20 85
From poll taxes,	1,155 00	700 00		455 00
National bank stock,	10 00	10 00		
Revenue Applicable Only to New Construction and Improvements:				
From State:				
For Trunk line high- way construction,	5,117 64	3,000 00		2,117 64

Amount raised by issue of bonds or notes,	\$3,200 00			\$3,200 00
Total revenues from all sources except prop- erty taxes:	\$14,920 86	\$8,956 33	\$272 38	\$6,236 91
Amount raised by prop- erty taxes:	\$22,180 14	\$24,089 31	\$1,809 17	
Total revenues,	\$37,101 00	\$33,045 64	\$2,081 55	\$6,236 91

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Act. Ex. Prev. Yr. 1925	Est. Ex. Ens'g. Yr. 1926	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town officers' salaries,	\$1,076 35	\$1,000 00		\$76 35
Town officers' expenses,	175 29	175 00		29
Election and registration expenses,	12 00	129 00	\$117 00	
Care and supplies for town hall,	55 48	75 00	19 52	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police department,	24 00	24 00		
Fire department,	46 25	50 00	3 75	
White Pine Blister,	400 00	400 00		
Health:				
Health department,	13 25	15 00	1 75	
Vital statistics,	6 50	6 50		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's contribution,	1,081 52	900 00		181 52
Town's contribution,	1,558 81	900 00		658 81
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's contribution,	1,249 37	1,500 00	250 63	
Town's contribution,	729 63	1,124 88	395 25	
Town maintenance,	5,638 28	6,000 00	361 72	

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General expense of highway department,	\$3 00	\$703 00	\$700 00
Education:			
Libraries,	42 30	42 30	
Charities:			
Town poor,	240 00	240 00	
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and other celebrations,	75 00	75 00	
Interest:			
On temporary loans,	471 74	475 00	3 26
On long term notes,	150 00	150 00	
On principal of trust funds used by town,	190 30	413 14	222 84
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
Trunk Line Unimproved:			
State's contribution,	299 92	499 69	199 77
Town's contribution,	299 93	499 69	199 76
Trunk Line Construction:			
State's contribution,	5,117 64	3,000 00	\$2,117 64
Town's contribution,	2,570 03	1,500 00	1,070 03
Payment on Principal of debt:			
Indebtedness:			
Short term notes,	4,500 00	1,500 00	3,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
State taxes and \$2 per \$5.00 polls,	2,490 00	1,740 00	750 00
County taxes,	1,489 44	1,489 44	
Payments to school districts,	6,259 20	8,419 00	2,159 80
Total expenditures,	\$36,265 23	\$33,045 64	\$4,635 05 \$7,854 64

Selectmen's Report

Valuation of Town of Strafford, April 1, 1925

Land and buildings,		\$548,775 00
Horses,	197	21,425 00
Mule,	1	100 00
Oxen,	8	525 00
Cows,	351	16,680 00
Neat stock,	72	2,735 00
Sheep,	121	705 00
Fowls,		3,065 00
Portable mills,	2	1,800 00
Wood and lumber,		63,590 00
Gasoline pumps,	5	375 00
Stock in trade,		7,050 00
Aqueducts,		850 00
Mills and machinery,		4,450 00

Total valuation,		\$672,125 00
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Appropriations for the year, 1925

State tax,	\$1,477 14
County tax,	1,740 00
Town expenses,	1,250 00
Highways and bridges,	6,000 00
Trunk line construction,	1,250 00
State aid maintenance,	950 00
Trunk line maintenance,	800 00
Trunk line unimproved,	200 00
Town debt,	1,500 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
White Pine Blister Rust,	400 00
School district,	7,300 00

Total appropriations,	\$22,942 14
Amount added,	397 00
Tax rate, \$3.30 per \$100.	

Town Officers' Salaries

1925

Feb.	7	Walter H. Babb, ballot clerk for 1924,	\$9 00
		George L. Foss, services in part as selectman, 1924,	124 00
		E. A. Scribner, services as supervisor,	30 00
Mar.	7	George L. Foss, balance as selectman for 1924-25,	9 00
		Henry C. Soule, balance for selectmen, 1924-25,	27 00
		George P. Foss, services as ballot clerk for 1924,	9 00
Apr.	4	Roscoe E. Foss, auditing town accounts,	3 00
		Lewis J. Brown, auditing town accounts,	3 00
		E. R. Tufts, balance as selectman, 1924-25,	27 00
May	2	Henry C. Soule, services in part as selectman, 1925,	50 00
July	6	Dana R. Berry, services as moderator for 1925,	3 00
		A. R. Caverly, balance as collector for 1924,	125 00
Aug.	1	A. R. Caverly, collecting in part for 1925,	50 00
		H. C. Soule, services in part as selectman, 1925,	15 00

1926

Jan.	2	H. C. Soule, services in part as selectman, 1925,	20 00
	30	E. R. Tufts, services in part as selectman for 1925,	151 50

H. C. Soule, services in part as selectman for 1925,	\$67 30
L. J. Brown, services in part as selectman, 1925,	133 55
Chester R. Brown, services as treasurer, for 1925,	75 00
A. R. Caverly, services in part for collecting 1925 taxes,	95 00
Frank W. Hilton, services as town clerk, for 1925,	50 00
	\$1,076 35

Town Officers' Expenses

1925			
Feb. 7	E. C. Eastman Co., supplies,	\$1 60	
Mar. 7	E. C. Eastman Co., receipt book,	1 60	
	Henry C. Soule, telephone,	40	
Apr. 4	Henry C. Soule, stamps and sup- plies,	2 35	
	New England Tel. & Tel. Co., tel- phone,	20	
May 2	E. C. Eastman Co., tax book,	3 60	
1926			
Jan. 2	Auto Service Bureau, auto book,	\$4 64	
30	Chester R. Brown, stamps,	2 00	
	The Record Press, printing 300 town reports,	100 00	
	The Record Press, check lists,	12 00	
	The Record Press, envelopes,	3 50	
	C. M. Hill, stamps and supplies,	6 40	
	Frank W. Hilton, auto permits,	49 00	
		\$187 29	

Town Hall

1925

Feb. 7	Roy Gray, sawing wood,	\$2 50
Apr. 4	Harry Murray, labor,	19 75
	Rochester Lumber Co., lumber,	11 23

1926

Jan. 30	E. R. Smith, insurance,	7 00
	C. M. Hill, nails and supplies,	15 00

 \$55 48
Fire Department

1925

June 6	White Mfg. Co., fire bane,	\$12 00
	George P. Foss,	34 25

 \$46 25
Police Department

1925

Feb. 7	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	\$10 00
Dec. 5	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	14 00

 \$24 00
White Pine Blister

1925

Sept. 5	J. H. Foster, State Forest Department,	\$400 00
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Bounties

1925

Dec. 5	Harry Perkins, bounty on one wild cat,	\$20 00
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1926

Jan. 30	H. C. Soule, bounty on hedge-hogs,	40
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 \$20 40

Damage by Dogs

1925		
Aug. 1	George B. Leighton,	\$21 00
Oct. 3	John A. Sowards,	25 00
	A. G. Scruton,	5 00
Nov. 7	George P. Foss,	55 00
Dec. 5	Frank Whitehouse,	15 00
	A. M. Leighton,	25 00
	E. A. Scribner,	8 00
1926		
Jan. 2	Otto Lindburg,	7 00
		\$161 00

Health Department

1925		
Mar. 7	Walter H. Babb, fumigating at F. O. Caswell's,	\$11 25
July 6	Walter H. Babb, posting card for measles,	2 00
		\$13 25

Highways and Bridges

1925		
Feb. 7	Charles F. Garland,	\$18 25
	Arthur Brown,	28 54
	Marston W. Brock,	36 50
	E. K. Clark,	24 18
	John M. Felker,	77 20
	A. B. Preston,	31 50
	E. R. Tufts,	49 50
	Geo. L. Foss,	22 30
	Geo. P. Foss,	30 76
	Fred O. Caswell,	113 25
	H. C. Soule,	130 80
	F. J. Berry, bridge plank,	7 24

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		V. L. Caverly,	\$28 30
		S. E. Hanson,	34 05
		A. M. Leighton,	58 25
Mar.	7	Leon H. Reynolds, wheel for road machine,	12 00
		C. H. Lakeman,	5 70
		Arthur H. Tasker,	61 15
		John W. Parshley,	21 41
		E. K. Clarke,	42 30
		A. B. Preston,	16 10
		Lewis Rewitzer,	34 63
		A. C. Berry,	15 60
		H. C. Soule,	5 70
		George L. Foss,	7 37
		Forest Harvey,	27 95
		H. C. Soule,	1 00
Apr.	4	Lewis J. Brown,	36 10
		E. K. Clark,	15 60
		John M. Felker,	34 58
		W. H. Cater, winter road,	10 00
		George P. Foss,	10 60
		Charles M. Foss,	9 75
		A. M. Leighton,	37 20
		E. R. Tufts,	100 30
		C. F. Garland, winter road,	10 00
		Edson Clark,	25 20
		H. C. Soule,	8 15
		Fred O. Caswell,	29 20
		Ellen Pinkham, winter road,	10 00
		V. L. Caverly,	50 15
May	2	A. C. Berry,	20 00
		Charles M. Foss,	11 20
		John W. Parshley,	79 20
		M. W. Brock,	123 80
		J. M. Felker,	72 50
		E. R. Tufts,	82 50

		Fred W. Jones, housing road machine,	\$2 00
		Forest Harvey,	124 00
		E. K. Clark,	101 70
		A. B. Preston,	27 40
		C. F. Garland,	16 40
		Gerald F. Brown,	2 10
		Harold Caverly,	9 45
		V. L. Caverly,	20 15
		Edson J. Clark,	47 25
		H. C. Soule,	15 30
		S. E. Hanson,	33 50
		Isaac Locke,	45 00
June	6	C. H. Pinkham,	17 10
		Albert L. Foss,	5 60
		C. F. Garland,	6 20
		George P. Foss,	91 00
		Lula Waldron,	1 50
		E. K. Clark,	75 50
		Lewis Rewitzer,	2 90
		Good Road Machine Co.,	9 18
		John Parshley,	10 35
		V. L. Caverly,	27 45
July	6	Albert L. Foss,	6 30
		E. K. Clark,	15 10
		George P. Foss,	70 49
		J. M. Felker,	61 40
		A. H. Tasker,	64 76
		C. H. Lakeman,	20 70
		E. R. Tufts,	15 53
		Berger Mfg. Co., culverts,	53 87
		S. E. Hanson,	20 30
		Frank J. Piper,	13 20
		H. D. Perkins,	8 10
		A. B. Preston,	46 30
		A. M. Leighton,	92 80

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		H. C. Soule,	\$25 20
		L. J. Brown,	7 50
		V. L. Caverly,	25 90
		Hill Brothers, bridge plank,	400 00
Aug.	1	C. F. Garland,	2 70
		Clarence Griffin, hauling culverts,	2 00
		A. B. Preston,	25 60
		Marston Brock,	62 50
		Mrs. H. D. Otis, winter road,	10 00
		A. H. Tasker,	8 90
		V. L. Caverly,	4 20
		N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	18 82
		F. O. Caswell,	391 55
		E. R. Smith,	25 85
		A. M. Leighton,	17 50
Sept.	5	S. E. Hanson,	21 00
		Harold Caverly,	16 40
		John M. Felker,	6 30
		L. J. Brown,	144 00
		A. B. Preston,	42 30
		Melvin Davis,	27 82
		C. M. Foss,	17 70
		C. M. Foss,	17 85
		J. H. Foss, bridge plank,	100 00
		V. L. Caverly,	92 25
		H. C. Soule,	127 90
		E. R. Tufts,	76 30
		N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	45 60
		Moses Durgin,	31 40
		George P. Foss,	71 00
		A. M. Leighton,	34 30
Oct.	3	C. H. Lakeman,	11 10
		A. H. Tasker,	47 16
		George P. Foss,	35 10
		M. W. Brock,	7 50
		A. E. Foss,	2 40

		L. J. Brown,	\$4 65
Nov.	7	J. M. Felker,	4 90
		Chester Scruton,	15 00
		Marston Brock,	11 70
		V. L. Caverly,	65 50
		George P. Foss,	78 95
		Clarence Parsons, winter road,	10 00
Dec.	5	Frank Haliday,	7 50
		George P. Foss,	37 80
		J. M. Felker,	12 90
		A. B. Preston,	24 00
		A. M. Leighton,	18 25
		L. J. Brown,	4 80
		H. C. Soule,	12 30
		E. R. Tufts,	157 10
		N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	45 86
		Edson Clark, damage to field,	15 00
1926			
Jan.	2	E. K. Clark,	7 80
		E. R. Smith,	8 90
		George P. Foss,	10 00
		Harold Batchelder, screen,	6 61
		A. M. Leighton,	14 20
		Fred O. Caswell,	105 00
	30	F. J. Berry, bridge plank,	28 32
		C. M. Hill, supplies,	30 00
			\$5,638 28

Trunk Line Unimproved

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1924,	\$399 61	\$399 62	\$799 23
Appropriation, 1925,	200 00	200 00	400 00
Total fund,	\$599 61	\$599 62	\$1,199 23
Expended,	299 92	299 93	599 85
Balance for 1926,	\$299 69	\$299 69	\$599 38

Trunk Line Construction

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1924,	\$67 23	\$44 82	\$112 05
Appropriation, 1925,	1,200 00	800 00	2,000 00
Balance,	\$2,567 23	\$1,294 82	\$3,862 05
Extra appropriation,	2,550 41	1,275 21	3,825 62
Total fund,	\$5,117 64	\$2,570 03	\$7,687 67

Trunk Line Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1924,	\$43 64	\$54 51	\$98 15
Appropriation, 1925,	1,200 00	800 00	2,000 00
Total,	\$1,243 64	\$854 51	\$2,098 15
Extra appropriation,	5 73		5 73
Total,	\$1,249 37	\$854 51	\$2,103 88
Expended,	1,249 37	729 63	1,979 00
Balance for 1926,		\$124 88	\$124 88

State Aid Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1924,	\$67 55	\$544 84	\$612 39
Appropriation, 1925,	950 00	950 00	1,900 00
Balance,	\$1,017 55	\$1,494 84	\$2,512 39
Extra appropriation,	63 97	63 97	127 94
Total,	\$1,081 52	\$1,558 81	\$2,640 33
Expended,	\$1,081 52	\$1,558 81	\$2,640 33

State Aid Construction

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1924,	\$ 19	\$ 47	\$ 66
Balance for 1926,	19	47	66

General Expense of Department

1925

July 6	Frank P. Whitehouse, watering tub,	\$3 00
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Library

1926

Jan. 30	Lucy E. Hill,	\$42 30
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Town Poor

1925

Sept. 5	Strafford County Farm, board of Mary A. Johnson,	\$120 00
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1926

Jan. 2	Strafford County Farm, board of Mary A. Johnson,	120 00
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 \$240 00
Memorial Day

1925

May 2	J. M. Felker,	\$75 00
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Cemeteries

1925

May 2	A. E. Foss,	\$9 00
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June 6	A. E. Foss,	12 60
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July 6	A. E. Foss,	4 20
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Sept. 5	A. E. Foss,	1 50
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1926

Jan. 2	Fred Scruton,	3 00
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 \$30 30
Taxes Bought by Town

1925

Apr. 7	A. R. Caverly,	\$181 41
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Interest

1925

Feb. 7	Rochester Trust Co.,	\$1 74
Mar. 7	Rochester Trust Co.,	62 50
Apr. 4	Rochester Trust Co.,	55 00
	Rochester Trust Co.,	25 00
May 2	Rochester Trust Co.,	42 50
June 6	Rochester Trust Co.,	50 00
Sept. 5	Rochester Trust Co.,	62 50
Oct. 3	E. H. Berry,	35 00
	Etta J. Berry,	65 00
	J. F. Scruton,	25 00
	Arthur Scruton,	25 00
	Rochester Trust Co.,	80 00
Nov. 7	Rochester Trust Co.,	42 50
Dec. 5	Austin Cate Academy,	160 00
	Rochester Trust Co.,	50 00
		\$781 74

Temporary Loans

1926

Jan. 30	Rochester Trust Co.,	\$4,500 00
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State and County Tax

1925

Apr. 4	State Treasurer, \$2.00 per \$5.00 polls for 1924,	\$748 00
July 6	W. P. Farmer, dues, N. H. Assessors,	2 00
Dec. 5	Henry E. Chamberlain, state tax,	1,740 00
1926		
Jan. 2	Frank R. Bliss, county tax,	1,489 44
		\$3,979 44

Schools

1925			
May	2	Emma L. P. Foss,	\$500 00
June	6	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,000 00
Oct.	3	Emma L. P. Foss,	559 20
		Emma L. P. Foss,	1,500 00
Nov.	7	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,200 00
Dec.	5	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,500 00
			\$6,259 20

Selectmen's Accounts

Earle R. Tufts, Services as Selectman

1925			
Mar.	12	At office,	\$3 00
	13	At office,	3 00
	16	At Dover,	5 00
	28	At office,	1 50
Apr.	1	Taking inventory,	3 00
	2	Taking inventory,	3 00
	3	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	At office,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	Taking inventory,	3 00
	8	Taking inventory,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	Taking inventory,	1 50
		At Dover,	1 50
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	13	At office,	3 00
	14	Looking over lumber,	3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	16	Looking over lumber,	3 00
	17	Looking over lumber,	3 00
	18	Looking over camp lots,	3 00
	20	At office,	3 00

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May	2	At office,	\$3 00
	19	At office,	3 00
	25	At office,	3 00
June	2	At office,	1 50
	6	At office,	3 00
	10	At office,	3 00
	11	At office,	1 50
July	6	At office,	3 00
	16	At Concord,	4 00
Aug.	1	At office,	3 00
	3	Looking up records,	1 50
	15	Drawing jury,	1 50
Sept.	5	At office,	3 00
Oct.	3	At office,	3 00
Nov.	7	At office,	3 00
	27	Looking after sheep,	1 50
Dec.	5	At office,	3 00
	8	At office,	1 50
1926			
Jan.	2	At office,	3 00
	9	Drawing jury,	1 50
	30	At office,	3 00
		Copying inventory,	10 00
		Telephone,	1 50
		Use of horse and auto,	23 00
			\$151 50

Henry C. Soule, Services as Selectman

1925

Mar.	10	At town house,	\$3 00
	12	At office,	3 00
	13	At office,	3 00
	16	At Dover,	5 00
	28	One-half day at office,	1 50
Apr.	1	Taking inventory,	3 00

	2	Taking inventory,	\$3 00
	3	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	At office,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	Taking inventory,	3 00
	8	Taking inventory,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	At Dover,	3 00
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	13	At office,	3 00
	14	Looking over lots,	3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	16	Looking over lots,	3 00
	17	Looking over lots,	3 00
	18	Looking over lots,	3 00
	20	At office,	3 00
May	2	At office,	3 00
	19	At office,	3 00
	25	At office,	3 00
June	2	One-half day at office,	1 50
	6	At office,	3 00
	10	At office,	3 00
	11	One-half day at office,	1 50
July	6	At office,	3 00
	16	At Concord,	4 00
Aug.	1	At office,	3 00
	3	Looking up records,	1 50
	15	One-half day at office, drawing jury,	1 50
Sept.	5	At office,	3 00
Oct.	3	At office,	3 00
Nov.	7	At office,	3 00
Dec.	5	At office,	3 00
	8	Revising jury box,	1 50
1926			
Jan.	2	At office,	3 00
	9	Drawing jury,	1 50

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30	At office,	\$3 00
	Telephone,	1 30
	Looking at sheep killed by dogs,	7 00
	Use of horse,	10 50
		\$137 30

Lewis J. Brown, Services as Selectman

1925

Mar.	12	At office,	\$1 50
	13	At office,	3 00
	16	At Dover,	5 00
	28	At office,	1 50
Apr.	1	Taking inventory,	3 00
	2	Taking inventory,	3 00
	3	Taking inventory,	3 00
	4	At office,	3 00
	6	Taking inventory,	3 00
	7	Taking inventory,	3 00
	8	Taking inventory,	3 00
	9	Taking inventory,	3 00
	10	Taking inventory,	1 50
	10	At Dover,	1 50
	11	Taking inventory,	3 00
	13	At office,	3 00
	14	Looking over lumber,	3 00
	15	At office,	3 00
	16	At office,	3 00
	17	At office,	3 00
	18	Looking over camp lots,	3 00
	20	At office,	3 00
May	2	At office,	3 00
	19	At office,	3 00
	25	At office,	3 00
June	2	At office,	1 50
	6	At office,	3 00

	10	At office,	\$3 00
	11	At office,	1 50
July	6	At office,	3 00
	16	At Concord,	4 00
Aug.	1	At office,	3 00
	3	Looking up records,	1 50
	15	Drawing jury,	1 50
Sept.	5	At office,	3 00
Oct.	3	At office,	3 00
Nov.	7	At office,	3 00
	17	Looking up records and dog damage,	1 50
Dec.	5	At office,	3 00
	8	At office,	1 50
1926			
Jan.	2	At office,	3 00
	9	Drawing jury,	1 50
	30	At office,	3 00
		Use of horse and auto,	17 00
		Telephone,	1 05
			\$133 55

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE R. TUFTS,
HENRY C. SOULE,
LEWIS J. BROWN,
Selectmen.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEORGE L. FOSS,
Auditors.

February 8, 1926.

Treasurer's Report

Money Received and Receipted for by the Treasurer,
1925

Amount in treasurer's hands Feb. 1, 1925, \$3,257 98

Received from :

Selectmen, 1923 taxes redeemed,	38 15
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	922 00
State Treasurer, bounty on wild cats,	40 00
G. L. Foss, shingles,	8 85
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	1,565 00
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	43 36
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	26 20
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	34 17
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	2,200 00
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	22 27
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	503 39
C. A. Hayes, trust fund,	50 00
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	341 58
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	272 64
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	565 00
Frank W. Hilton, 1925 auto permits,	160 00
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	205 25
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	800 24
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	1,540 05
A. R. Caverly, 1924 taxes,	50 33
A. R. Caverly, interest on 1924 taxes,	25 95
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	115 07
Jennie L. Babb, trust fund,	100 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	860 00
F. W. Hilton, dog licenses,	127 00
State Treasurer, fire department,	17 13
F. W. Hilton, 1925 auto permits,	80 00
A. R. Caverly, license for pool room,	10 00

A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	\$332 00
F. W. Hilton, dog licenses,	75 10
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	473 00
State Treasurer, bounties,	3 60
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	13 30
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	36 55
Public National Bank, bank stock tax,	10 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	769 00
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	19 36
Rochester Trust Co., note,	2,200 00
State Treasurer, highway department,	1,000 00
Rochester Trust Co., note,	1,000 00
Trinity Camp, culvert,	10 00
Austin Cate Academy, rent of hall,	28 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	992 41
State Treasurer, highway department,	700 00
State Treasurer, highway department,	1,000 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	2,667 25
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	25 00
Selectmen, junk sold,	2 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	4,220 00
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	1,568 37
F. W. Hilton, 1925 dog licenses,	42 10
F. W. Hilton, 1925 auto permits,	400 00
Selectmen, taxes redeemed,	19 18
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	1,399 51
State Treasurer, highway department,	2,034 91
State Treasurer, highway department,	99 16
State Treasurer, highway department,	152 17
State Treasurer, interest and dividend tax,	7 70
F. W. Hilton, 1925 auto permits,	129 18
A. R. Caverly, 1925 taxes,	2,960 40
State Treasurer, state tax,	1,345 94
	\$39,716 80

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

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Paid by order of selectmen,	\$33,913 23
Cash on hand Jan. 30, 1926,	\$5,803 57

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER R. BROWN,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEORGE L. FOSS,

Auditors.

February 8, 1926.

Financial Report

Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$5,803 57
Town Clerk,	282 80
Accounts Due to Town from State:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended bal-	
ances in State treasury,	299 88
Bounties,	20 40
Other Bills Due Town:	
Taxes bought by town,	411 26
Interest on taxes bought by town,	85 00
Taxes not collected,	4,177 91
Total assets,	\$11,030 82
Excess of liabilities over assets, net debt,	8,211 34
Grand total,	\$19,242 16
Net debt, January 31, 1925,	\$8,252 59
Net debt, January 31, 1926,	8,211 34
Decrease of debt,	\$41 25

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School Districts, dog licenses,	\$68 20
Due School Districts,	1,050 80
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
Unexpended balance in State treasury,	299 88
Unexpended balance in Town treasury,	425 14
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipa-	
tion of taxes,	8,100 00
Long term notes outstanding, road con-	
struction,	3,000 00

Trust funds, amount of principal used by town,	\$6,150 00
Interest due trustees of trust funds,	148 14
Total liabilities,	\$19,242 16

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1925,	\$23,335 14
Less uncollected,	4,177 91
Property taxes, current year, actually collected,	\$18,349 23
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, at \$3,	798 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected,	6,060 19
National bank stock taxes,	10 00

Total of above collections,	\$25,217 42
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Tax sales redeemed,	392 61
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From State:

For Highways:

For State aid maintenance,	99 16
For Trunk Line unimproved,	152 17
For Trunk Line construction,	4,734 91
Interest and dividend tax,	7 70
Savings bank tax,	1,345 94
Fighting forest fires,	17 13
Bounties,	43 60

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	244 20
Business licenses and permits,	10 00
Rent of town hall,	28 00
Interest received on taxes,	25 95

Income from departments,	\$ 20 85
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles,	769 18
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year,	\$3,200 00
Trust funds,	150 00
Total receipts from all sources,	\$36,458 82
Cash on hand February 1, 1925,	3,257 98
Grand total,	\$39,716 80

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	\$1,076 35
Town officers' expenses,	175 29
Election and registration expenses,	12 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	55 48
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department, including care of tramps,	24 00
Fire department, including forest fires,	46 25
White Pine Blister,	400 00
Bounties,	20 40
Damage by dogs,	161 00
Health:	
Health department,	13 25
Vital statistics,	6 50
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	821 54
Trunk line maintenance,	929 68
Town maintenance,	5,638 28

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General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs,	\$3 00
Libraries,	42 30
Charities:	
Town poor,	240 00
Patriotic Purposes:	
Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises,	75 00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries,	30 30
Unclassified:	
Taxes bought by town,	181 41
Abatements refunded,	9 60
Interest:	
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	\$471 74
Paid on long term notes,	150 00
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town,	160 00
Total interest payments,	\$781 74
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and Bridges:	
Trunk Line construction,	\$7,965 72
Trunk Line, unimproved,	465 50
Total outlay payments,	\$8,431 22
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in antici- pation of taxes,	\$4,500 00
Paid to Other Governmental Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State and \$2.00 per \$5.00 polls,	\$2,490 00
Taxes paid to county,	1,489 44

Payments to school districts,	\$6,259 20
Total payments to other governmental divisions,	\$10,238 64
Total payments for all purposes,	\$33,913 23
Cash on hand January 31, 1926,	5,803 57
Grand total,	\$39,716 80

Schedule of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$3,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	100 00
Highway department, equipment,	600 00
Schools, lands and buildings,	10,000 00
Equipment,	1,500 00
Total,	\$15,200 00

HOW INVESTED

Balance due Trustees from Town, \$148.14

Auditors' Report of Trust Funds

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEO. L. FOSS,

Auditors.

February 8, 1926.

Report of Library Trustees

Money on hand,	\$ 8 41
Received from town,	42 30
	\$50 71
Paid out:	
Librarian's services,	\$10 00
March 17, 1925, Mrs. Clark, for extra books,	5 00
December 14, 1925, Mission Books,	4 00
Mrs. Clark, for 1926 books,	5 00
Supplies, index cards,	2 00
Books for Bow Lake and Center,	24 00
Cash on hand	71
	\$50 71

CORA CLARK,
RILMA GRAY,
LUCY HILL, Chairman.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEO. L. FOSS,

Auditors.

February 8, 1926.

Report of School Board

For the Year Ending June 30, 1925

Paid Teachers for Year 1924-1925

Lena V. Leighton, Whittier School, 36 weeks,	\$720 00
Etta S. Waldron, Bow Lake School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Frances Towle, Pinehurst School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Nellie Abbott, Winkley School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Neva L. Harvey, Center School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Irene Harvey, Perkins School, 36 weeks,	648 00
May V. Hall, Roberts School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Glendle Bunnell, Crown Point School, 36 weeks,	720 00
Total,	\$5,688 00

Salaries

Albert E. Foss, member school board,	\$50 00
M. Corinne Tufts, member school board,	50 00
Victor L. Caverly, member school board,	50 00
Emma L. P. Foss, treasurer school district,	50 00
Florys Smith, clerk school district,	3 00
Abbie T. Brown, clerk school district,	3 00
Chester W. Doe, auditor school district,	1 50
Iness Stiles, auditor school district,	1 50
Wallace J. Rowe, truant officer school district,	16 00
Total,	\$225 00

High School Tuition

Austin-Cate Academy, 1st term,	\$1,185 00
Austin-Cate Academy, 2nd term,	570 00
Austin-Cate Academy, 3rd term,	570 00
Total,	\$2,325 00

Fuel

E. B. Allen, kindlings,	\$ 5 00
L. J. Brown, 3 cords fitted wood,	36 00
S. C. Hanson, 1 cord fitted wood,	10 00
Charles Foss, work on wood,	1 75
M. A. Brown, 3 cords fitted wood,	30 00
Will Otis, 1 load fitted wood,	8 00
Forrest Harvey, kindlings,	1 00
A. D. Preston, 4 cords fitted wood,	46 00
V. L. Caverly, 3 cords fitted wood,	36 00
M. W. Brock, 4 cords fitted wood,	48 00
T. J. Berry, kindlings,	2 00
A. E. Foss, kindlings and 4 cords fitted wood,	42 50
G. B. Leighton, 2 cords fitted pine wood,	13 50
Clarence W. Griffin, 1 load fitted wood,	10 00
Hugh T. Caverly, 1 cord fitted wood,	12 00
Charles Hall, 2 cords fitted wood,	12 00
C. F. Hill, 1½ cords fitted wood,	16 00
Total,	\$329 75

Repairs on School Houses

Harry Murry, labor and material,	\$95 00
Rochester Lumber Co., lumber,	74 02
Ayers & Jenkins, supplies for schoolhouses,	12 65
C. M. Hill, paint, etc., for schoolhouses,	31 73
V. L. Caverly, labor on schoolhouse,	3 50
Berry & Shorey, supplies,	6 60
Federal Store, paint,	15 70
Hiram Winkley, painting schoolhouses,	27 75
J. Owen Libby, labor and supplies,	87 50
Norman Griffin, shellac,	1 35
Frank Mooney, storm windows,	12 00
Avery & Pratt, lumber,	10 00
E. R. Tufts, labor on schoolhouse,	4 00
S. E. Hanson, labor on schoolhouse,	1 50
Total,	\$451 76

Alteration Bow Lake Schoolhouse

Harry Murry, labor and material,	\$136 90
V. L. Caverly, labor on schoolhouse, Center,	1 00
H. L. Sawyer & Co., wallboard, etc.	6 08
E. R. Tufts, labor on Roberts schoolhouse,	27 75
Charles Hall, labor on Roberts schoolhouse,	10 00
Total,	\$181 73

New Equipment

J. L. Hammett & Co., blackboards,	\$41 10
J. E. Seward, painting auto signs,	5 00
Henry Parshley, labor on stove jacket,	5 00
Total,	\$51 10

Transportation

C. H. Lakeman, transportation of pupils,	\$432 00
A. D. Preston, transportation of pupils,	310 00
Edson J. Clark, boarding Bernard Bowley,	152 00
Lulu C. Waldron, boarding Ethel Higgins,	164 00
Total,	\$1,058 00

Total Expenses for Year Ending June 30, 1925

Teachers, 36 weeks,	\$5,688 00
Salaries, district officers,	225 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	287 55
Text books,	230 07
Scholars' supplies,	205 57
Janitor service,	352 08
Repairs on schoolhouses,	451 76
Alterations on schoolhouses,	181 73
New equipment,	51 10
Transportation,	1,058 00
High school tuition,	2,325 00

Per capita tax,	254 00
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Total,	<u>\$11,845 17</u>
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Revenue for Year Ending June 30, 1925

Cash on hand,	\$1,262 63
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Received from Town Treasurer,	7,000 00
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Received from State Aid,	3,800 87
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Received from equalization, State Aid,	112 39
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Received for trees at Pinehurst,	5 00
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Total,	<u>\$12,180 89</u>
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Balance June 30, 1925,	335 12
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Report of School Treasurer

For the Year Ending June 30, 1925

Cash on hand July 1, 1925,	\$1,262 63
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Received from town treasurer,	7,000 00
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Received from state treasurer,	3,913 26
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<u>\$12,175 89</u>

Received from treasurer,	5 00
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<u>\$12,180 89</u>

Amount paid out,	11,845 77
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Amount in treasury, July 1, 1925,	<u>\$335 12</u>
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EMMA L. P. FOSS,
School Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board and those of the treasurer of the school district of Stratford, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHESTER W. DOE,
INESS V. STILES,
Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1926

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Male or Female	Living or Still-born	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
1925									Color Parents					
Feb. 17	Strafford	Verna May Foss	F	L	4 W	Earlton Foss	Hattie Berry		Strafford	Box Maker	Strafford	Strafford	33 29	33 29
Sept. 28	Strafford	Dorothy Avis Brown	M	S	5 W	Bert B. Heath	Margaret Moredom		Strafford	Laborer	Newbury	Tilton	35 33	35 33
Nov. 18	Strafford		F	L	1 W	Lawrence W. Brown	Ethel F. Rudd		Strafford	Famer	Strafford	Somerville	30 26	30 26

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1926

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Mother	Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days								
1925													
Mar. 1	Strafford	J. Frank Brown	62	5		M	W	M Shoemaker	Dover	Hatfix N. S.	Dover	Mary Quimby	Dilatation of Colon
Mar. 5	Strafford	Willie W. Craig	64			M	W	S Farmer	Barrington	Wilmington	Barrington	Sarah Meigs	Pneumonia
Apr. 8	Strafford	David W. Smith	83	11	22	M	W	S Farmer	Pittsoun, Me.	Madison	Madison	Annie Perry	Chronic Pericarditis
15	Strafford	Clara L. Caverly	69	9	23	F	W	W Housewife	Northwood	Strafford	Strafford	Nancy Davis	Cerebral Hemorrhage
16	Strafford	Nathaniel E. Piper	96	8	11	M	W	M Retired	Rochester	Strafford	Strafford	Betsy Smith	Acute Gastritis
30	Strafford	Abbie J. Caswell	89	10	19	F	W	W Housekeeper	Strafford	Northwood	Strafford	Supilla Caverly	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 16	Strafford	Fred H. Roberts	57	3	24	M	W	M Farmer	Rochester	Strafford	Strafford	Ellen Kimball	Rupture of Heart
June 18	Strafford	Clas. C. Perkins	86	8	23	M	W	W Retired	Strafford	Strafford	Strafford	Nora Ham	Suicide
Aug. 19	Strafford	Levi W. Brown	86	4	17	M	W	M Farmer	Newbury	Strafford	Strafford	Loisa Davis	Cancer of Stomach
Sept. 18	Strafford					M	W	S	Strafford	Strafford	Strafford	Margaret Moredom	Difficult Delivery
Oct. 10	Strafford	Roscoe E. Foss	59	3	23	M	W	M Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	Strafford	Lizzie M. Hall	Spinal Meningitis
Oct. 15	Strafford	Edwin W. Drew	75	24		M	W	M Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	Strafford	Mary W. Wallace	Cordiac Disease
Dec. 7	Strafford	Frank V. Fernald	64	2	7	M	W	S Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	Strafford	Alice M. Leighton	Heart Disease

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1926

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1925 Apr. 17	Barnstead	John W. Tuttle	Strafford	63 W	Shoemaker	Strafford	Darius Tuttle	Strafford	Shoemaker	2	Rev. Henry E. Little Barnstead, N. H.
		Annie L. Sanborn		56 W	Housekeeper		Lavinia P. Thompson		Housewife	3	
	Strafford	Dustin L. Downs	Stoneham, Mass.	29 W	Electrician	Stoneham, Mass.	Eben Ellis	Stoneham	Electrician	2	Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Olga E. Roy		26 W	Clerk		Mart W. Watson		Housewife	1	
	Strafford	Albert E. Witham	Strafford	64 W	Farmer	Strafford	Georgia F. Dimock	Malden	Plumber	2	Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Abbie Heath		51 W	Housekeeper		George T. Roy		Housewife	2	
Aug. 1	Strafford	George W. Jenison	Kennebunk, Me.	20 W	Filler	Lawrence, Mass.	John Witham	Whitfield, Me.	Housewife	1	Abbott C. Meade Justice of the Peace Center Strafford, N. H.
		Sarah F. Brooks		20 W	Housekeeper		Hattie C. Kent		Carpenter	1	
	Alton	Harold F. Tasker	Strafford	30 W	Carpenter	Strafford	Edzel B. Quimby	Kennebunkport	Fisherman	2	Rev. W. H. Geddiell Alton, N. H.
		Mary L. Wheeler		27 W	Housework		Harry M. Brooks		Housewife	2	
	8 Strafford	George A. Strachan	Boston	58 W	Hotel Keeper	Farmingdon, Me.	Maud M. Hutchins	Kennebunkport	Fisher	2	Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Harriett E. Hill		59 W	Dressmaker		Herbert E. Tasker		Housewife	2	
1926 Jan. 25	16 Strafford	Frank W. Hilton	Strafford	46 W	Farmer	Westboro, Mass.	Frank P. Wheeler	Boston	Farmer	2	Rev. W. C. Goodwin Northwood, N. H.
		Lena F. Brown		24 W	Housekeeper		Lillian C. Hilliard		Housewife	2	
	Northwood	Lloyd W. Davis	Strafford	21 W	Truck Driver	Pittsfield	Wm. M. Strachan	Rochester	Housewife	1	Rev. W. C. Goodwin Northwood, N. H.
		Dorothy M. Jones		18 W	Domestic		Sarah A. Otis		Housewife	1	
	Northwood	Lloyd W. Davis	Strafford	21 W	Truck Driver	Pittsfield	S. F. Webber	Norfolk, Va.	Engineer	2	Rev. Chester W. Doe Ctr. Strafford, N. H.
		Dorothy M. Jones		18 W	Domestic		Harriett A. Day		Dressmaker	2	

